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1. It is reported that the Russians are very anxious to find out what promises have been made to the SPD by the British. Through the SED they are cultivating friendship with various members of the SPD Executive Committee. The SPD has expanded so rapidly in Berlin that its whole structure has been penetrated by SED functionaries. A special "Socialistic Information Gathering Office" has been set up by the SED under Erich Gniffke, who is still on very friendly terms with leading Social Democrats. It is reported that Gniffke is frequently called to Karlshorst. Fritz Neumann, accordingly, has refused to give a political report to the SPD Executive Committee on the visit to London for fear of Russian espionage. [REDACTED] reports that Jeanette Wolff, of the SPD Executive Committee, is under special suspicion. She has visited Karlshorst twice recently and her daughter has close connections with certain Russian authorities.

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2. [REDACTED] reports that in the City Hall of Leipzig, twenty paid stool pigeons are active in the interest of SED and the Russians against Lord Mayor Zeigner. Zeigner, who once belonged to the radical left wing of the SPD and advocated the merger into the SED, is seeking today to renew his contacts with SPD circles but is rejected by them.

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3. The [REDACTED] reports increased SPD activity in the State of Saxony. Within the trade unions in the State of Saxony, the SPD wing is making its weight felt by organizing informal groups and by presenting its candidates for shop steward and trade union elections. Within the SED in Saxony, action committees of the SPD are being formed. Even the Communists admit that the Communist party in Saxony would have no chance of political survival if the SPD should be readmitted to legal existence. Hopes that the Allied Control Council would take steps to admit the SPD in the Russian Zone have been reduced in the last few days, and the feeling is spreading that the Russians are powerful enough in the Control Council to prevent any such action.

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